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इस भाग में भिन्न पृष्ठ संख्या दी जाती हैं जिससे कि यह अलग संकलन ने रूप में रखा जा सके। Separate paging is given to this Part in order that it may be filed as a separate compliation

LOK SABHA

The following Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha on the 19th April, 1978:—

BILL No. 64 of 1978

A Bill to repeal the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Maintenance of Internal Security (Repeal) Act, 1978.

2. The Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Act 26 of

1971.

Short title.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In accordance with the policy of Government regarding preventive detention as declared in the statement on the subject made in both Houses of Parliament on the 23rd March, 1978, the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1977, was withdrawn with the leave of Lok Sabha on the 30th March, 1978.

This Bill seeks to repeal the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.

NEW DELHI; The 10th April, 1978.

CHARAN SINGH.

BILL No. 62 of 1978

A Bill further to amend the Indian Explosives Act, 1884.

Br it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Explosives (Amendment) Act, 1978.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. In the long title of, and the preamble to, the Indian Explosives Act, 1884 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words "transport and importation"; the words "transport, import and export" shall be substituted.

3. In section 1 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), the word "Indian" shall be omitted.

4. For section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

'4. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "aircraff" means any machine which can derive support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, other than

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Short
title
and
commencement.
Amend

Amendment of long title and preamble.

Amendment of section 1.

Substitution of new section for section 4.

Definitions

the reactions of the air against the earth's surface, and includes balloons, whether fixed or free, airships, kites, gliders and flying machines:

- (b) "carriage" includes any carriage, wagon, cart, truck, vehicle or other means of conveying goods or passengers by land, in whatever manner the same may be propelled;
- (c) "District Magistrate", in relation to any area for which a Commissioner of Police has been appointed, means the Commissioner of Police thereof and includes—
 - (a) any such Deputy Commissioner of Police, exercising jurisdiction over the whole or any part of such area, as may be specified by the State Government in this behalf in relation to such area or part; and
 - (b) an Additional District Magistrate;
- (d) "explosive" means gunpowder, nitroglycerine, nitroglycol, gun-cotton, di-nitro-toluene, tri-nitro-toluene, picric acid, di-nitro-phenol, tri-nitro-resorcinol (styphnic acid), cyclo-trime-thylene-trinitramine, penta-erythritol-tetranitrate, tetryl, nitro-guanidine, lead azide, lead styphynate, fulminate of mercury or any other metal, diazo-di-nitro-phenol, coloured fires or any other substance whether a single chemical compound or a mixture of substances, whether solid or liquid or gaseous used or manufactured with a view to produce a practical effect by explosion or pyrotechnic effect; and includes fog-signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion-caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions and every adaptation or preparation of an explosive as defined in this clause;
- (e) "export" means taking out of India to a place outside India by land, sea or air;
- (f) "import" means to bring into India from a place outside India by land, sea or air;

(g) "master",—

- (a) in relation to any vessel or aircraft means any person, other than a pilot, harbour master, assistant harbour master or berthing master, having for the time being the charge or control of such vessel or aircraft, as the case may be; and
- (b) in relation to any boat belonging to a ship, means the master of that ship;
- (h) "manufacture" in relation to an explosive includes the process of—
 - (1) dividing the explosive into its component parts or otherwise breaking up or unmaking the explosive, or making fit for use any damaged explosive; and
 - (2) re-making, altering or repairing the explosive;
- (i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

- (j) "vessel" includes any ship, boat, sailing vessel, or other description of vessel used in navigation whether propelled by oars or otherwise and anything made for the conveyance, mainly by water, of human beings or of goods and a caisson.'.
- 5. In section 5 of the principal Act.--

Amendment of section 5.

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "transport and importation", the words "transport, import and export" shall be substituted;
 - (b) in sub-section (2),—
 - (i) in clause (e), the word "and" shall be omitted;
 - (ii) after clause (e), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: —
 - "(ee) the authority to which appeals may be preferred under section 6F, the procedure to be followed by such authority and the period within which appeals shall be preferred, the fees to be paid in respect of such appeals and the circumstances under which such fees may be refunded;
 - (eea) the total quantity of explosives that a licensee can purchase in a given period of time;
 - (eeb) the fees to be charged by the Chief Controller of Explosives or any officer authorised by him in this behalf, for services rendered in connection with the manufacture, transport import or export of explosives;";
 - (iii) in clause (f), after the words "any explosives", the words "or any person or class of persons" shall be inserted;
 - (c) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.
- 6. After section 5 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely: -

Insertion of new section 5A.

Persons

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licence for

a certain period.

- "5A. Notwithstanding anything in section 5 or in the rules made thereunder where, immediately before the commencement of the Indian Explosives (Amendment) Act, 1978, any person was carrying on the business of manufacture, sale, transport, import or export of any explosive (for which no licence was required under this Act before its amendment by the Indian Explosives (Amendment) Act, 1978), then, such person shall be entitled to continue to carry on such business without licence in respect of such explosive-
 - (a) for a period of three months from the date of such commencement; or
 - such person has made an application for grant of licence under this Act for such business in such explosive, until the final disposal of his application,

(b) if before the expiry of the said period of three months,

whichever is later.".

Amendment of section 6.

- 7. In section 6 of the principal Act,—
 - (a) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "(2) The Customs Act, 1962 shall have effect in relation to any explosive with regard to the importation of which a notification has been issued under this section and the vessel, carriage or aircraft containing such explosive as that Act has in relation to any article the importation of which is prohibited or regulated thereunder and the vessel, carriage or aircraft containing such article";
 - (b) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

Insertion of new sections 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E and 6F.

8. After section 6 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

Prohibition of
manufacture, possession sale
or transport of
explosives
by young
persons
and
certain
other
persons.

"6A. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Act,—

- (a) no person,—
 - (i) who has not completed the age of eighteen years, or
- (ii) who has been sentenced on conviction of any offence involving violence or moral turpitude for a term of not less than six months, at any time during a period of five years after the expiration of the sentence, or
- (iii) who has been ordered to execute under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, a bond for keeping the peace or for good behaviour, at any time during the term of the bond, or

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52 of 1962.

(iv) whose licence under this Act has been cancelled, whether before or after the commencement of the Indian Explosives (Amendment) Act, 1978, for contravention of the provisions of this Act or of the rules made thereunder, at any time during a period of five years from the date of cancellation of such licence,

shall,—

- manufacture, sell, transport, import or export any explosive, or
- (2) possess any such explosive as the Central Government may, having regard to the nature thereof, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify;
- (b) no person shall sell, deliver or despatch any explosive to a person whom he knows or has reason to believe at the time of such sale, delivery or despatch,—
 - (i) to be prohibited under clause (a) to manufacture,
 sell, transport, import, export or possess such explosive, or

(ii) to be of unsound mind.

6B. (1) Where a person makes an application for licence under section 5, the authority prescribed in the rules made under that section for grant of licences (hereinafter referred to in this Act as the licensing authority), after making such inquiry, if any, as it may consider necessary, shall, subject to the other provisions of this Act, by order in writing either grant the licence or refuse to grant the same.

Grant of licences.

- (2) The licensing authority shall grant a licence-
- (a) where it is required for the purpose of manufacture of explosives if the licensing authority is satisfied that the person by whom licence is required—
 - (i) possesses technical know-how and experience in the manufacture of explosives; or
 - (ii) has in his employment or undertakes to employ a person or persons possessing such technical know-how and experience; or
- (b) where it is required for any other purpose, if the licensing authority is satisfied that the person by whom licence is required has a good reason for obtaining the same.
- 6C. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 6B, the licensing authority shall refuse to grant a licence—

Refusal of licences.

- (a) where such licence is required in respect of any prohibited explosive; or
- (b) where such licence is required by a person whom the licensing authority has reason to believe—
 - (i) to be prohibited by this Act or by any other law for the time being in force to manufacture, possess, sell, transport, import or export any explosive, or
 - (ii) to be of unsound mind, or
 - (iii) to be for any reason unfit for a licence under this Act; or
- (c) where the licensing authority deems it necessary for the security of the public peace or for public safety to refuse to grant such licence.
- (2) Where the licensing authority refuses to grant a licence to any person it shall record in writing the reasons for such refusal and furnish to that person on demand a brief statement of the same unless in any case the licensing authority is of opinion that it will not be in the public interest to furnish such statement.

Licensing authority competent to impose conditions in addition to prescribed conditions.

Variation, suspension and revocation of licences.

- 6D. A licence granted under section 6B may contain in addition to prescribed conditions such other conditions as may be considered necessary by the licensing authority in any particular case
- 6E. (1) The licensing authority may vary the conditions subject to which a licence has been granted except such of them as have been prescribed and may for that purpose require the holder of licence by notice in writing to deliver-up the licence to it within such time as may be specified in the notice.
- (2) The licensing authority may, on the application of the holder of a licence, also vary the conditions of the licence except such of them as have been prescribed.
- (3) The licensing authority may, by order in writing, suspend a licence for such period as it thinks fit or revoke a licence,—
 - (a) if the licensing authority is satisfied that the holder of the licence is prohibited by this Act or by any other law for the time being in force to manufacture, possess, sell, transport, import or export any explosive, or is of unsound mind, or is for any reason unfit for a licence under this Act; or
 - (b) if the licensing authority deems it necessary for the security of the public peace or for public safety to suspend or revoke the licence; or
 - (c) if the licence was obtained by the suppression of material information or on the basis of wrong information provided by the holder of the licence or any other person on his behalf at the time of applying for the licence; or
 - (d) if any of the conditions of the licence has been contravened; or
 - (e) if the holder of the licence has failed to comply with a notice under sub-section (1) requiring him to deliver-up the licence.
- (4) The licensing authority may also revoke a licence on the application of the holder thereof.
- (5) Where the licensing authority makes an order varying the conditions of a licence under sub-section (1) or an order suspending or revoking a licence under sub-section (3), it shall record in writing the reasons therefor and furnish to the holder of the licence on demand a brief statement of the same unless in any case the licensing authority is of the opinion that it will not be in the public interest to furnish such statement.
- (6) A court convicting the holder of a licence of any offence under this Act or the rules made thereunder may also suspend or revoke a licence:

Provided that if the conviction is set aside on appeal or otherwise, the suspension or revocation shall become void.

- (7) An order of suspension or revocation under sub-section (6) may also be made by an appellate court or by the High Court when exercising its powers of revision.
- (8) The Central Government may, by order in the Official Gazette, suspend or revoke, or direct any licensing authority to suspend or revoke, all or any licences granted under this Act throughout India or any part thereof.
- (9) On the suspension or revocation of a licence under this section the holder thereof shall without delay surrender the licence to the authority by whom it has been suspended or revoked or to such other authority as may be specified in this behalf in the order of suspension or revocation.
- 6F. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the licensing authority refusing to grant a licence or varying the conditions of a licence or by an order of the licensing authority suspending or revoking a licence may prefer an appeal against that order to such authority (hereinafter referred to as the appellate authority) and within such period as may be prescribed:

Appeals.

Provided that no appeal shall lie against an order made by, or under the direction of, the Central Government.

(2) No appeal shall be admitted if it is preferred after the expiry of the period prescribed therefor:

Provided that an appeal may be admitted after the expiry of the period prescribed therefor if the appellant satisfies the appellate authority that he had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within that period.

- (3) The period prescribed for an appeal shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation Act 1963, with respect to the computation of periods of limitation thereunder.
- (4) Every appeal under this section shall be made by a petition in writing and shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the order appealed against where such statement has been furnished to the appellant and by such fee as may be prescribed.
- (5) In disposing of an appeal the appellate authority shall follow such procedure as may be prescribed:

Provided that no appeal shall be disposed of unless the appellant has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

- (6) The order appealed against shall, unless the appellate authority conditionally or unconditionally directs otherwise, be in force pending the disposal of the appeal against such order.
- (7) Every order of the appellate authority confirming, modifying or reversing the order appealed against shall be final.".

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36 of 1963.

Amend... ment of section 7.

- 9. In section 7 of the principal Act,---
 - (a) in sub-section (1),—
 - (i) in clause (a),—
 - (1) for the words "any place, carriage or vessel", the words "any place, aircraft, carriage or vessel" shall be substituted;
 - (2) for the words "transported or imported", wherever they occur, the words "transported, imported or exported" shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "(d) to seize, detain and remove any explosive or ingredient thereof found therein and, if necessary, also destroy such explosive or ingredient.";
 - (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Code of Criminal Procedure", the words and figures "Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973", shall be substituted.

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Amendment of section 8.

- 10. In section 8 of the principal Act,—
 - (a) in sub-section (1),—
 - (i) for the words "any carriage or vessel", the words "any aircraft, carriage or vessel" shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for the words "the master of the vessel", the words "the master of the aircraft or vessel" shall be substituted;
 - (iii) for the words "Chief Inspector of Explosives in India", the words "Chief Controller of Explosives" shall be substituted;
 - (b) sub-section (2) shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 9.

- 11. In section 9 of the principal Act,-
 - (a) in sub-section (1),—
 - (i) for the words "any place, carriage or vessel", the words "any place, aircraft, carriage or vessel" shall be substituted;
 - (ii) for the words "the Indian Forces", the words "Armed Forces of the Union" shall be substituted;
 - (iii) the brackets and words "(or in a Presidency-town, the Commissioner of Police)" shall be omitted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words and figures "Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898", the words and figures "Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973" shall be substituted;

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(c) in sub-section (4), in clauses (b), (c) and (d), for the words "Chief Inspector of Explosives in India", the words "Chief Controller of Explosives" shall be substituted.

Amend_ ment of section 9A. 12. In section 9A of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words "Chief Inspector of Explosives in India", the words "Chief Controller of Explosives" shall be substituted.

13. After section 9A of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion of new sections 9B and 9C.

"9B. (1) Whoever, in contravention of rules made under section 5 or of the conditions of a licence granted under the said rules—

Punishment for certain offences.

- (a) manufactures, imports or exports any explosive shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, or with both;
- (b) possesses, uses, sells or transports any explosive shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to three thousand rupees or with both; and
- (c) in any other case, with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.
- (2) Whoever in contravention of a notification issued under section 6 manufactures, possesses or imports any explosive shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees or with both; and in the case of importation by water, the owner and master of the vessel or in the case of importation by air, the owner and the master of the aircraft, in which the explosive is imported shall, in the absence of reasonable excuse, each be punishable with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees.

(3) Whoever,—

- (a) manufactures, sells, transports, imports, exports or possesses any explosive in contravention of the provisions of clause (a) of section 6A; or
- (b) sells, delivers or despatches any explosive in contravention of the provisions of clause (b) of that section,

shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine or with both; or

- (c) in contravention of the provisions of section 8 fails to give notice of any accident shall be punishable,—
 - (i) with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or
 - (ii) if the accident is attended by loss of human life, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or with fine or with both.
- **9C.** (1) Whenever an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, every person who at the time the offence was committed was in charge of, or was responsible to the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Offences by companies. Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment under this Act if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section,—

- (a) "company" means any body corporate, and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.".

Substitution
of new
section
for section 11.
Distress
of aircraft or
vessel.

- 14. For section 11 of the principal Act, the following se ion shall be substituted, namely:—
 - "11. Where the owner or master of any aircraft or vessel is adjudged under this Act to pay a fine for any offence committed with, or in relation to, that aircraft or vessel, the Court may, in addition to any power it may have for the purpose of compelling payment of the fine, direct it to be levied by distress and sale of,—
 - (a) the aircraft and its furniture or so much of the furniture, or
 - (b) the vessel and the tackle, apparel and furniture of such vessel or so much of the tackle, apparel and furniture thereof, as is necessary for the payment of the fine.".

Amendment of section 13.

- 15. In section 13 of the principal Act,—
- (a) for the words "ship or boat", the words "aircraft or vessel" shall be substituted;
- (b) for the words "conservator of the port", the words "conservator of the port or officer in charge of the air port" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 14.

- 16. In section 14 of the principal Act,—
- (a) in clause (a) of sub-section (1), for the words "Indian Forces", the words "Armed Forces of the Union, and Ordnance factories or other establishments of such Forces" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "any explosive from all or any of the provisions of this Act", the words "any explosive and any

person or class of persons from all or any of the provisions of this Act or the rules made thereunder" shall be substituted.

17. In section 15 of the principal Act.—

Amendment of 15.

11 of 1878. 54 of 1959.

- (a) for the words and figures "Indian Arms Act, 1878", the words section and figures "Arms Act, 1959" shall be substituted:
 - (b) in the proviso, the word "Indian" shall be omitted.
- 18. After section 17 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

Insertion of new section 17A.

"17A. The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that any power or function which may be exercised or performed by it under this Act other than the power under sections 5, 6, 6A, 14 and 17 may, in relation to such matters and subject to such conditions, if any, as it may specify in the notification, be exercised or performed also by-

Power to delegate.

- (a) such officer or authority subordinate to the Central Government, or
- (b) such State Government or such officer or authority subordinate to the State Government.".
- 19. In section 18 of the principal Act, after sub-section (7), the fol-Amendlowing sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

ment of section

"(8) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Indian Explosives Act, 1884 was enacted nearly a century ago when there were no indigenous manufacturers of high explosives in this country and only a few simpler type of explosives were manufactured.

- 2. After Independence many large and small companies began to manufacture high explosives. There was a general complaint from the industry that the Explosives Act, which was based on the old British pattern, was not adequate to meet the country's growing requirements and resulted in difficulties for the industry. With a view to removing the short-comings in the Indian Explosives Act and to obviate the difficulties experienced by the industry, the Government appointed in 1966 a Committee on Explosives to suggest ways and means for removal of the difficulties experienced in the working of the Act. This Committee submitted its Report suggesting a number of amendments to the Indian Explosives Act. These recommendations have been accepted by the Government. The more important amongst these recommendations are—
 - (a) enlargement of the definition of "explosive" to include therein some modern explosives;
 - (b) providing for variations of conditions of licences granted under the Act or for suspension and revocation of the licence, for appeals against the orders of the licensing authority; and
 - (c) empowering the Central Government to exempt any person or class of persons from the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder.

The main object of the Bill is to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee on Explosives.

3. Opportunity is also being taken to insert a provision in the Act for the laying of rules made under the Act before the Parliament in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

GEORGE FERNANDES.

New Delhi; The 28th March, 1978.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Indian Explosives Act, 1884 (4 of 1884) enumerates the matters with respect to which the Central Government may make rules. Clause 5 of the Bill which seeks to amend that sub-section, provides for the following matters also with respect to which the Central Government may make rules, namely:—

- (a) the authority to which appeals may be preferred under section 6F, the procedure to be followed by such authority and the period within which appeals shall be preferred, the fees to be paid in respect of such appeals and the circumstances under which such fees may be refunded;
- (b) the total quantity of explosives that a licensee can purchase in a given period of time;
- (c) the fees to be charged by the Chief Controller of Explosives or any officer authorised by him in this behalf, for services rendered in connection with the manufacture, transport, import or export of explosives.
- 2. Clause 8 of the Bill seeks to insert a new section 6F in the Act, This section which provides for an appeal against the orders of the licensing authority empowers the Central Government to prescribe by rules, inter alia, the period within which the appeal may be filed and the procedure that may be followed by the appellate authority in disposing of an appeal.
- 3. The aforesaid matters with respect to which rules may be made, are matters of detail and it is not practicable to provide for them in the Bill. The delegation of legislative power is, therefore, of a normal character.

AVTAR SINGH RIKHY, Secretary.